

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 186
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gordon Perry of
Brownsville on being inducted into the TSSAA
Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is the great pleasure of this General Assembly to congratulate and commend those administrators who have provided sterling support and guidance for high school athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Perry is one such administrator, having recently been inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame for his many years of valuable organizational service to his school and to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after attending and playing football for Haywood High School, Gordon Perry proceeded to earn his Bachelor of Science Degree from Murray State University in 1960 and a Master's Degree in 1961; he went on to teach and coach in Cadiz, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, returning to his high school alma mater in Tennessee in 1966, Mr. Perry began teaching and coaching at Haywood High School in Brownsville; he was very quickly promoted to Assistant Principal in 1969, a position that he occupied for eight years; and

WHEREAS, impressed with his organization and leadership abilities, Haywood High School made Gordon Perry Principal and Athletic Director; under his leadership, Haywood High School was cited for excellence by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, always a trendsetter, Gordon Perry was largely responsible for the fact that Haywood hosted the first Tennessee Academic Decathlon in 1986, and in 1988, Governor Ned McWherter named Haywood one of Tennessee's Ten Great Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry, along with the local board of education, developed the Haywood High School Distinguished Scholars Program, and Mr. Perry served on the TSSAA Legislative Council from 1983-1999; he was elected President of the Council in 1991 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1999; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Gordon Perry was selected Statewide Athletic Director of the Year by the Tennessee Athletic Directors Association in 1983, and the next year, he was nominated for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Athletic Director of the Year; and

WHEREAS, intricately involved in his profession, Gordon Perry is a former President of the Tennessee Athletic Directors, and from 1990-1992, he served a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Inter-Scholastic Athletic Administrators Association and received that organization's State Award of Merit in 1990 and 1993; in 1992, Mr. Perry received a National Federation Citation Award; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal achievements aside, Gordon Perry is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Carolyn, and their five children and nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Perry represents the ideal of a Tennessee Athletic Director and school administrator; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor him for his many fine years of service to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Gordon Perry on being inducted into the TSSAA
Hall of Fame, salute his commitment to academic and athletic excellence in the State of
Tennessee, and wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.